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THE HEDGEHOG



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"SO LONG,
SALLY..."

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN HOME: EPILOGUE

SAY YOU WILL

CASTLE ACORN'S ROYAL INFIRMARY

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TOSSED IN SPACE, HUH? TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE? *STICK ANYTHING IN YOUR EAR WHILE YOU WERE OUT THERE?

JUST A FUNKY, TWO-WAY IMPLANT TO HELP ME SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND ALIEN LINGO, DR. QUACK! **

WHY?

SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT LEFFLER AND TAKUMA HATORI AT SEGA LICENSING

*SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #126-129.
 **SEE STH #127.

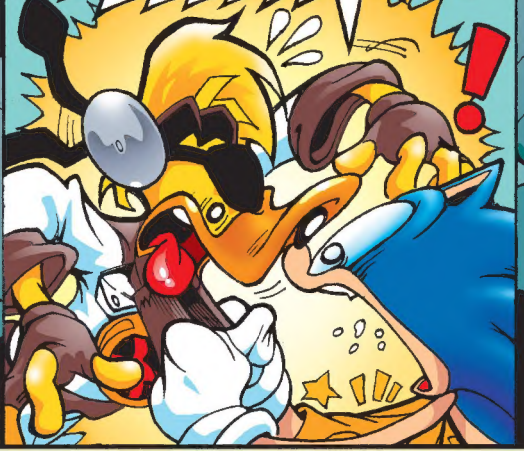
UH-HUH, THAT'S WHAT THIS X-RAY CONFIRMS, BUT WHOEVER GAVE YOU THE IMPLANT DIDN'T TELL YOU--

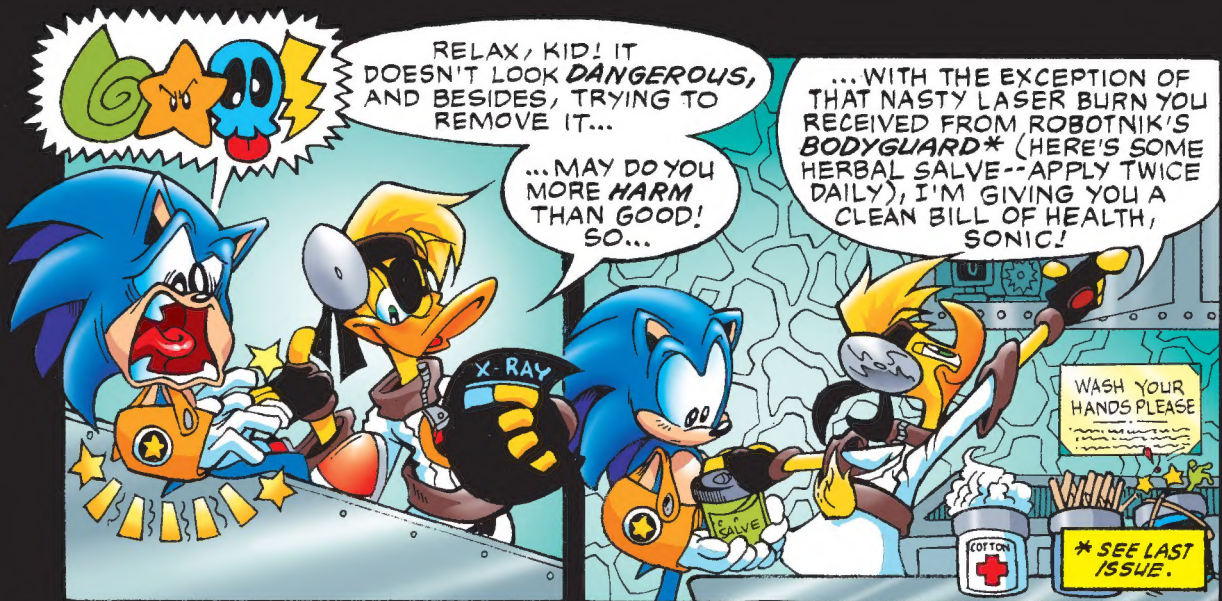
WHAT?! YOU MEAN IT'S PART OF ME?! WELL, DOC YOU'VE GOTTA GET RID OF IT!!

- HEDGEHOG KNOW CLIP
- CYCLOPS EYE
- BILLION RING
- SUPER SPEED
- SUPER SONIC

MAGNIFY X10
 • INNER EAR FOREIGN OBJ.

-- THAT IT WOULD ALSO BOND WITH YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM!

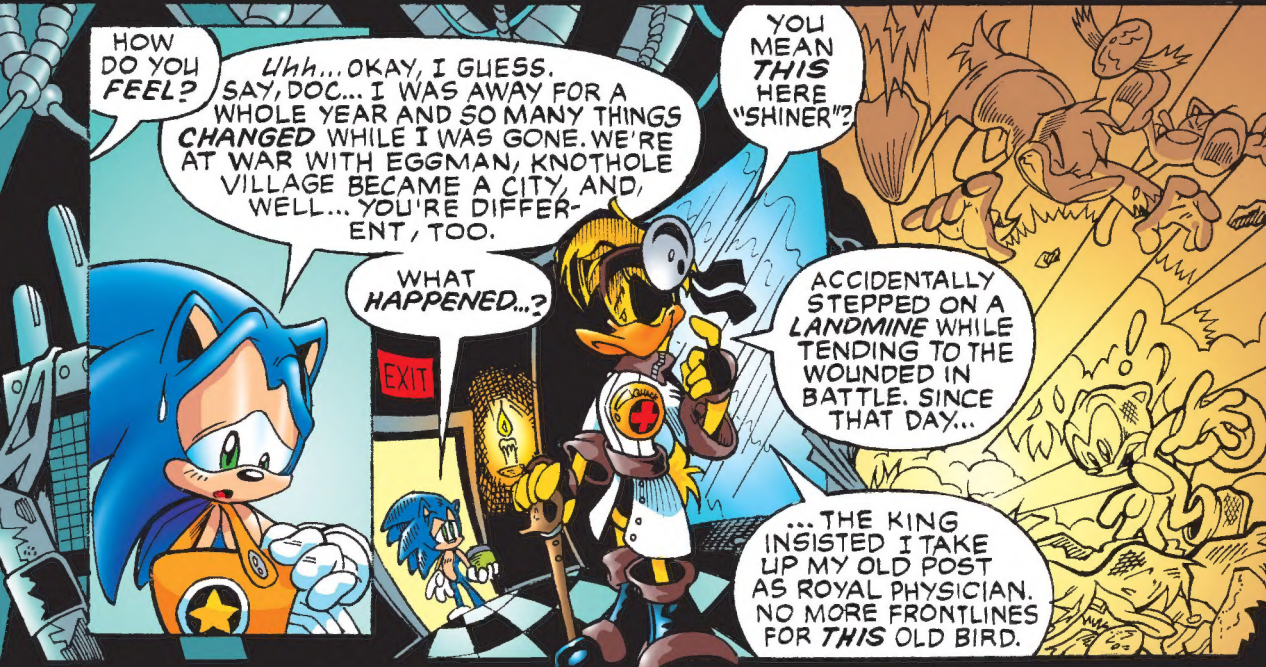




RELAX, KID! IT DOESN'T LOOK **DANGEROUS**, AND BESIDES, TRYING TO REMOVE IT...

... MAY DO YOU MORE **HARM** THAN **GOOD!** SO...

... WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT NASTY LASER BURN YOU RECEIVED FROM ROBOTNIK'S **BODYGUARD*** (HERE'S SOME HERBAL SALVE--APPLY TWICE DAILY), I'M GIVING YOU A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH, **SONIC!**



HOW DO YOU **FEEL?**

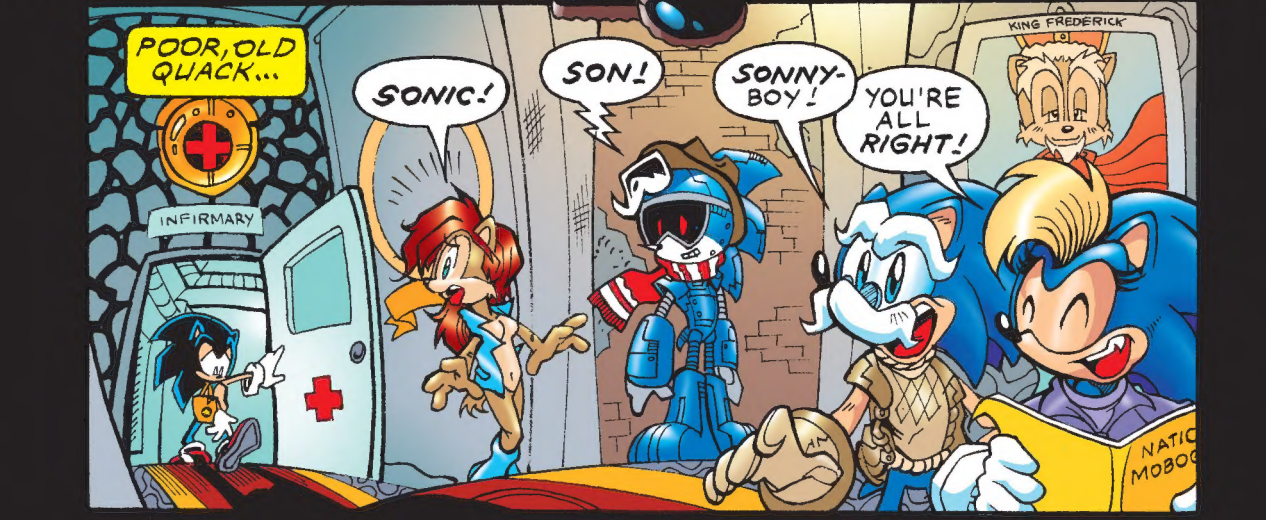
Uhh... OKAY, I GUESS. SAY, DOC... I WAS AWAY FOR A WHOLE YEAR AND SO MANY THINGS **CHANGED** WHILE I WAS GONE. WE'RE AT WAR WITH EGGMAN, KNOTHOLE VILLAGE BECAME A CITY, AND, WELL... YOU'RE DIFFERENT, TOO.

WHAT **HAPPENED...?**

YOU MEAN **THIS** HERE "SHINER"?

ACCIDENTALLY STEPPED ON A **LANDMINE** WHILE TENDING TO THE WOUNDED IN BATTLE. SINCE THAT DAY...

... THE KING INSISTED I TAKE UP MY OLD POST AS ROYAL PHYSICIAN. NO MORE FRONTLINES FOR **THIS** OLD BIRD.



POOR, OLD **QUACK...**

INFIRMARY

SONIC!

SON!

SONNY-BOY!

YOU'RE ALL **RIGHT!**

KING **FREDERICK**

NATION **MOB...**

IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN SOME TWO-BIT ASSASSIN OFF **EGGMAN'S** ASSEMBLY LINE TO DO IN *MY* FAVORITE NEPHEW.

LET'S HOPE IT NEVER COMES TO THAT, *SIR CHARLES!*

WHAT **PRINCESS SALLY** SAID, UNCLE **CHUCK!**

WE'RE JUST **GLAD** YOU WEREN'T SERIOUSLY **HURT**, SON!



AND THAT YOU'RE **FINALLY** HOME.

THE KINGDOM OF **ACORN** **ECHOES** THOSE SENTIMENTS, SONIC.

QUEEN ALICIA! MOM!

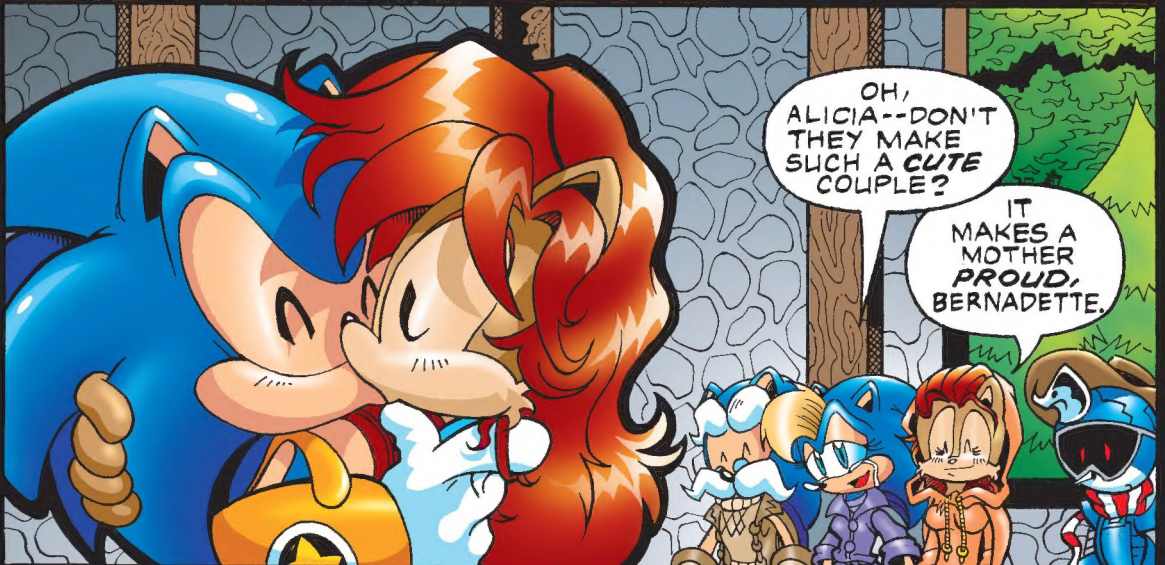
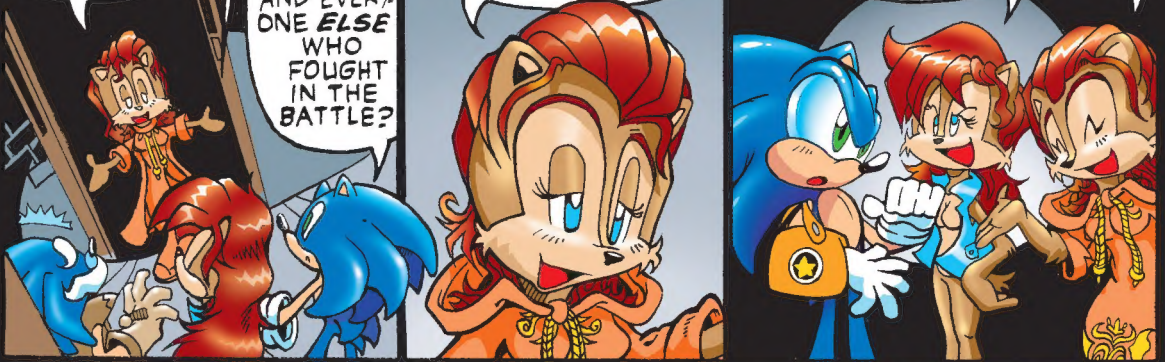
WHERE ARE TAILS, KNUCKLES AND EVERY ONE ELSE WHO FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE?

KING MAX IS **DEBRIEFING** THEM IN THE ROYAL READY ROOM. DON'T WORRY, THEY'LL **ALL** BE ATTENDING TONIGHT'S CELEBRATION.

CELEBRATION?

TO HONOR YOUR **RETURN!** IN THE MEANTIME, YOU SHOULD GO AND GET SOME REST.

IT'S GOING TO BE A **LONG** NIGHT!



OH, ALICIA--DON'T THEY MAKE SUCH A **CUTE** COUPLE?

IT MAKES A **MOTHER PROUD**, BERNADETTE.

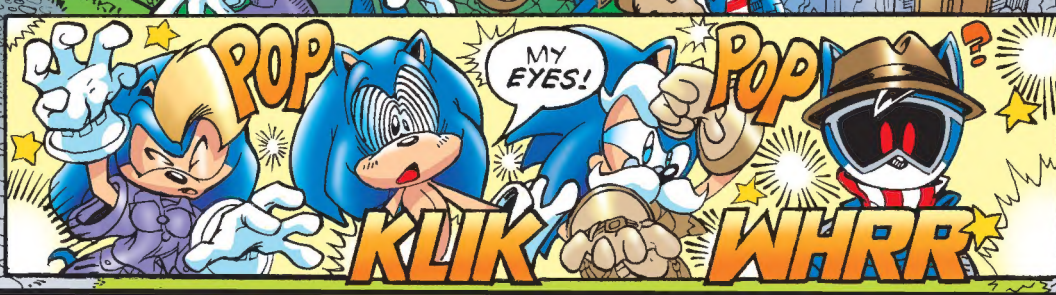
Soon...

I'M GOING TO FIX YOU YOU A **HUGE** PLATE OF CHILIDOGS, SON.

CAN'T WAIT, MOM. BOY, I **STILL** CAN'T GET OVER HOW MUCH EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED!

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A YEAR, SONNY-BOY. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, JULES?

I--



SONIC! SONIC!

IS IT **TRUE** YOU WERE IN OUTER SPACE ALL THIS TIME? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

WAS **DOCTOR** ROBOTNIK SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE? HOW DID YOU GET BACK?



WELL-- ARE YOU **STILL** PRINCESS SALLY'S CONSORT?

...I--

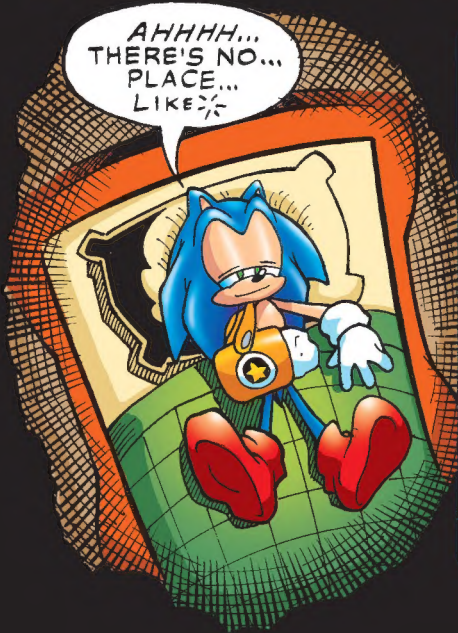
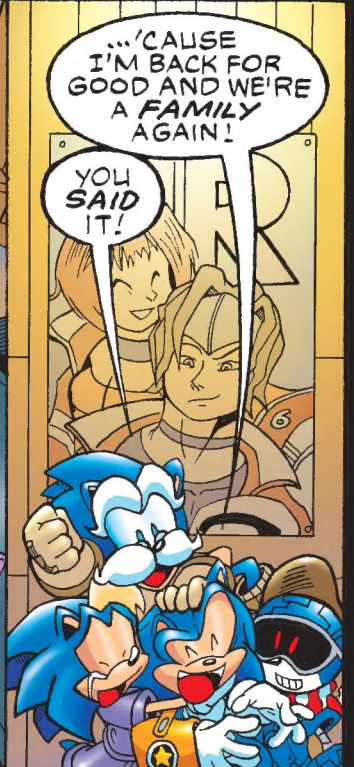
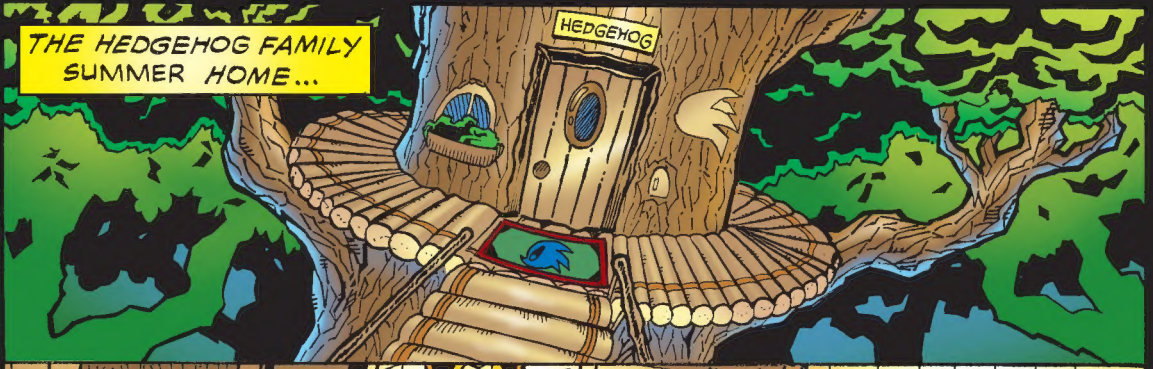
HOW DO YOU **FEEL** ABOUT THE WAR?

ANY **FUTURE** PLANS?

ARE YOUR **FEET** BLUE, TOO?

CAN YOU **HOLD** THAT POSE?

THE HEDGEHOG FAMILY
SUMMER HOME...





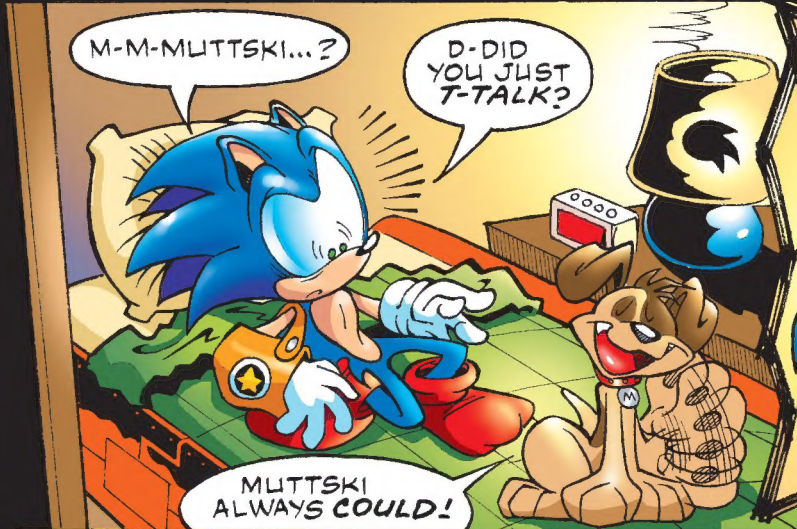
MUTTSKI! HEY THERE, BOY! LONG TIME NO SEE!



HELLO, SONIC-FRIEND!



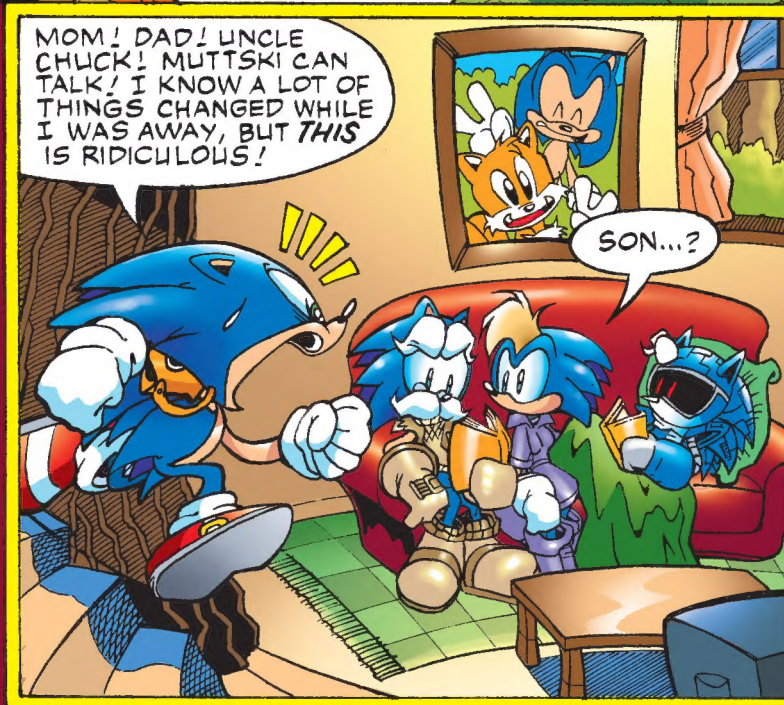
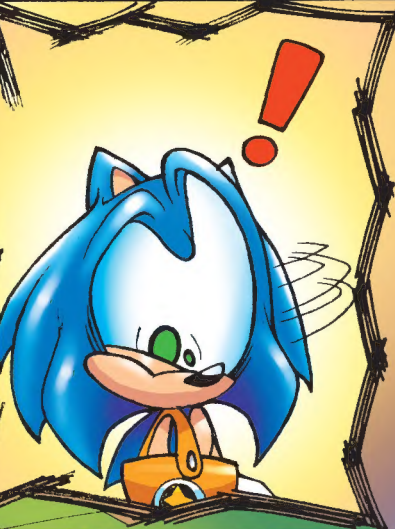
MUTTSKI IS HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HOME AGAIN!



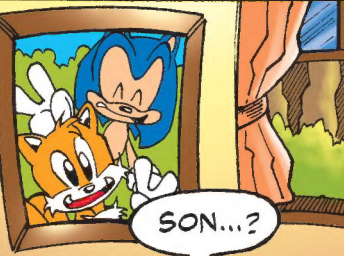
M-M-MUTTSKI...?

D-DID YOU JUST T-TALK?

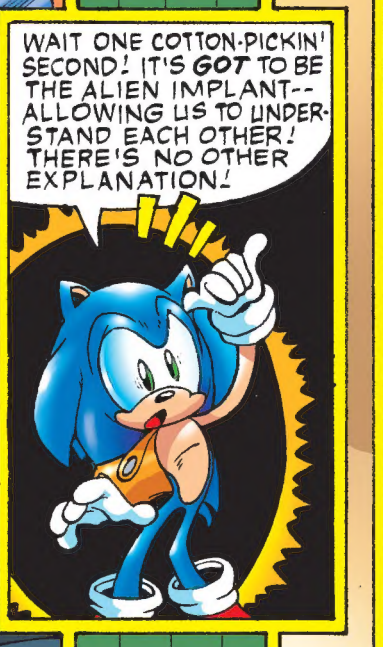
MUTTSKI ALWAYS COULD!



MOM! DAD! UNCLE CHUCK! MUTTSKI CAN TALK! I KNOW A LOT OF THINGS CHANGED WHILE I WAS AWAY, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!



SON...?

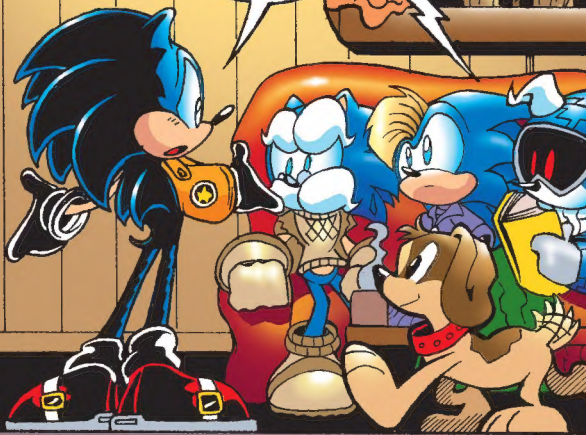


WAIT ONE COTTON-PICKIN' SECOND! IT'S GOT TO BE THE ALIEN IMPLANT-- ALLOWING US TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER! THERE IS NO OTHER EXPLANATION!

BUT THAT WASN'T THE WEIRDEST THING THAT HAPPENED WHILE I WAS IN OUTER SPACE -- THERE WAS MORE -- A WHOLE LOT MORE.

LIKE WHAT, SONIC?

WELL...



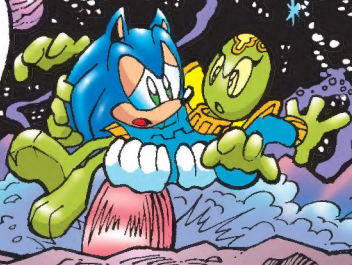
...I LEARNED THAT IT WAS AN ALIEN SCIENTIST FROM A SPECIES CALLED THE **BEM**, WHO DEROBOTICIZED ALL THE ROBBIANS HERE ON MOBIUS! *

*STH # 123.

HER RACE WAS GOING TO EXECUTE HER BECAUSE OF IT, SO I BUSTED HER OUT OF PRISON. *

"WHILE I WAS TAKING HER TO SAFETY, I ASKED WHY SHE DEROBOTICIZED EVERYONE BUT DAD.

*SEE STH # 129.



"SHE SAID THAT THE INJURIES DAD RECEIVED BEFORE UNCLE CHUCK ROBOTICIZED HIM* WERE SO SERIOUS...

"THAT IF THE PROCESS WAS REVERSED... IT WOULD..."



*SEE STH # 46.

...IT WOULD KILL HIM. IT'S AS PLAIN AS THE NOSE ON MY FACE! WHY DIDN'I I SEE IT ALL ALONG?

OH, JULES...



WELL, THAT SOLVES THAT!



KNEW I'D FIND HIM HERE.

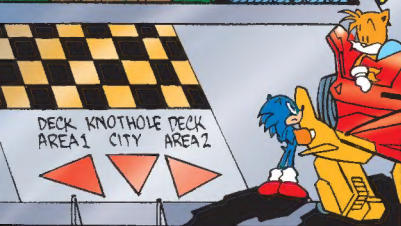
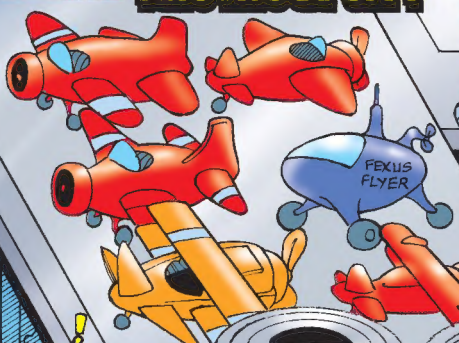
YO, TAILS!



S'UP?



FREDERICK'S AIRBASE— KNOTHOLE CITY



YAAAYY!
SONIC!! I'M SO
GLAD YOU'RE
OKAY!

HA-HA! ME,
TOO! YOU MISSED
A *PRIMO* CHILIDOG
DINNER! WHERE
WERE YOU?

KING MAX
ASKED US QUESTIONS
ABOUT OUR MISSION AND I
TOLD HIM HOW I OUTSMARTED
A.D.A.M. WITH RIDDLES*AND
THEN I CAME HOME, BUT YOU
WOULDN'T WAKE UP NO MATTER
HOW HARD I TRIED, SO I
DECIDED TO WORK ON
'THE TORNADO.'



*SEE STM
#132-133.

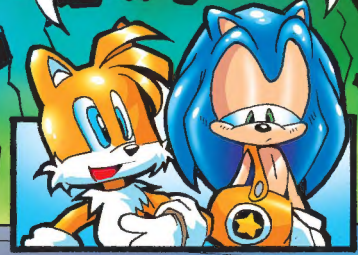
WELL, I'M GLAD I GOT TO SEE YOU BEFORE THE BIG PARTY TONIGHT. WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE FOR A ONE ON ONE SINCE I GOT BACK.

DID YOU MAKE ANY NEW FRIENDS?

TAILS? BUD? I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU...

WERE YOU REALLY IN SPACE THE *WHOLE* YEAR, SONIC?

UH-HUH, BUT IT ONLY FELT LIKE A COUPLE OF WEEKS WENT BY WHERE I WAS!

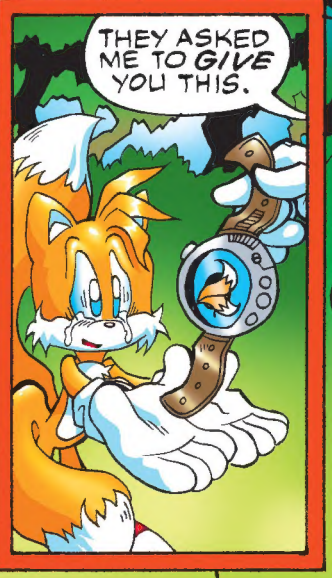
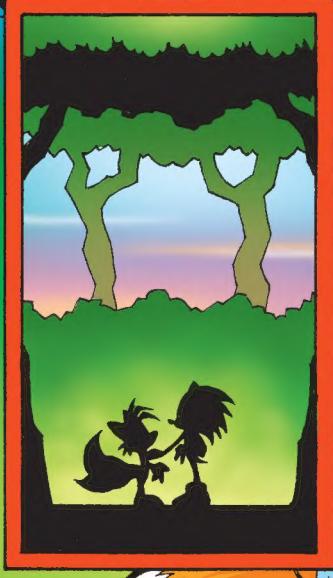


M-MY P-PARENTS?! THEY'RE ALIVE?! ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE?

TOTALLY, DUDE.

AND THEY'RE REALLY OKAY?

THEY ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.



YEP!

TH-THERE'S A BUTTON ON IT...

HELLO, MILES. IF YOU ARE SEEING THIS HOLO-MESSAGE IT MEANS THAT SONIC SUCCEEDED. YOUR MOTHER AND I MISS YOU DEARLY, SON.

THOUGH A UNIVERSE SEPARATES US FROM EACH OTHER, OUR LOVE FOR YOU HAS NO BOUNDARIES...

MOM... DAD...

WELL, MY JOB HERE IS DONE.





MY NAME IS MINA

OOH, BABY, A MONGOOSE NOT JUST ANOTHER TEEN-UH PEOPLE CALL ME "SONGOOSE"

TRAPPED IN A CAGE NO MATTER WHAT I DO WHEN I'M THINKIN' 'BOUT YOU EVEN THE STAGE TURNS BLUE

LNR & SNE

VOTE FEXUS FAN



GREEN HILL PARK

SAY, WHO'S THIS SHINDIG FOR, ANYWAY?

SONIC--YOU MADE IT!

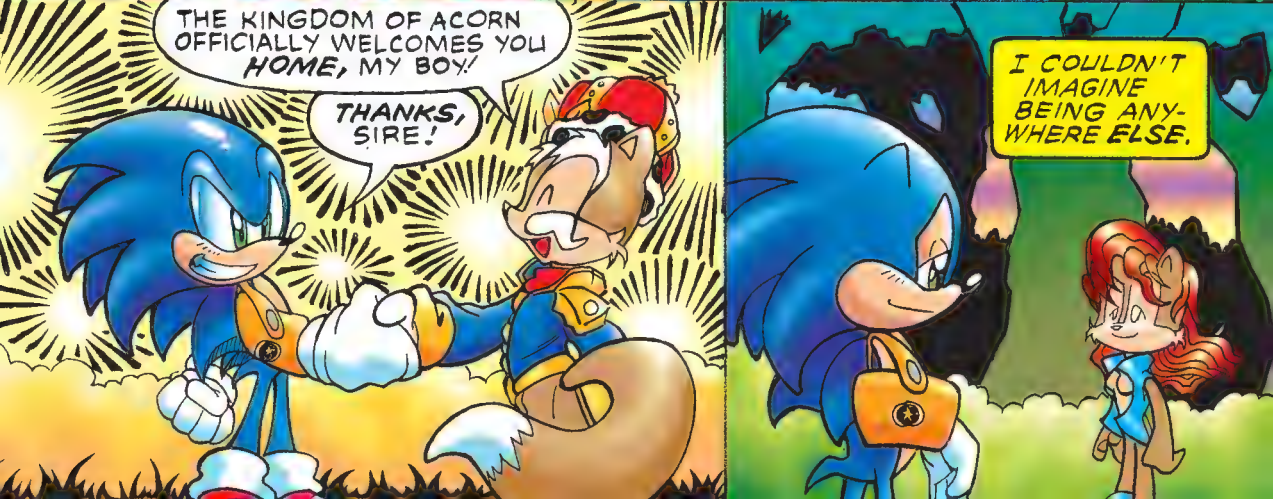
I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED IT FOR THE WORLD, SAL!

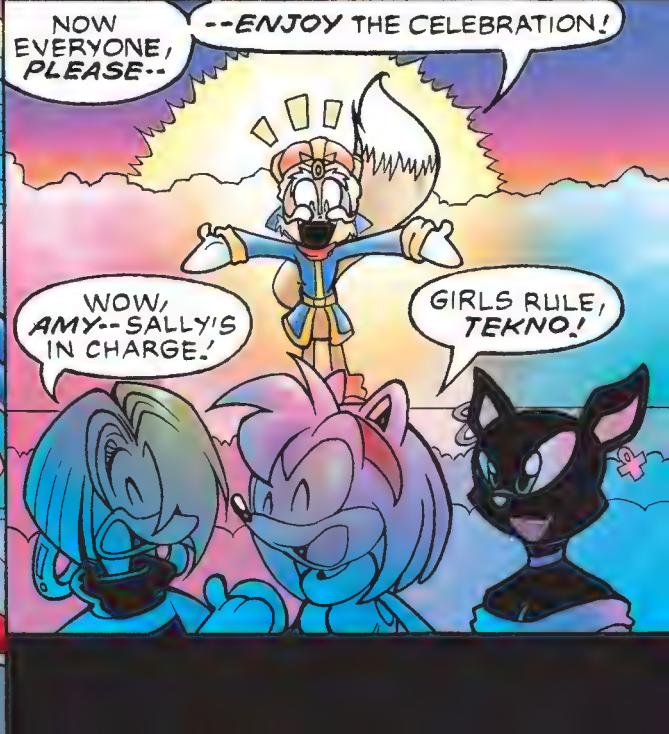
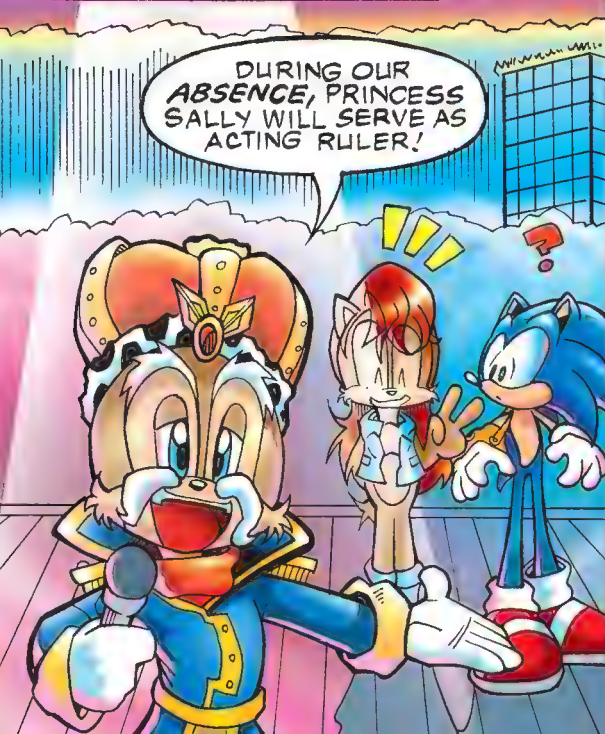
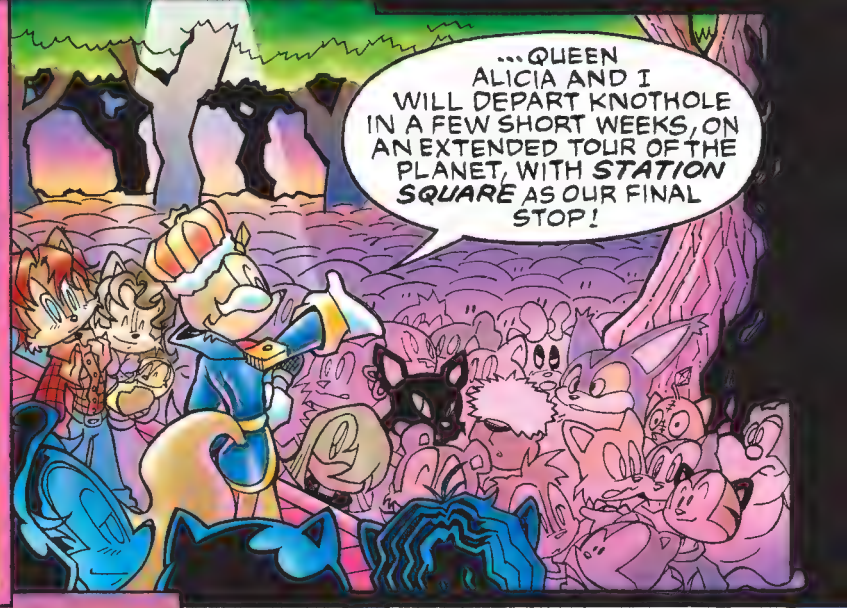


THE KINGDOM OF ACORN OFFICIALLY WELCOMES YOU HOME, MY BOY!

THANKS, SIRE!

I COULDN'T IMAGINE BEING ANYWHERE ELSE.





WELCOME HOME, SONIC!! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

SAME HERE, MINA! I LOVED THE ACT! GUESS YOU LOST YOUR STAGE FRIGHT, HUH?

WELL, WHEN KING MAX ASKED ME TO AID IN THE WAR EFFORT BY SINGING FOR THE TROOPS, HOW COULD I SAY NO?

MEET ASH-- HE'S MY MANAGER!

AND HER BOY-FRIEND.

MAX, DO YOU REALLY THINK SALLY IS READY TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY? YOU SAW HOW SHE REACTED AFTER SONIC WAS WOUNDED.*

WELL, PRINCE ELIAS NEVER WANTED THE JOB AND HAS MADE A LIFE FOR HIMSELF ELSEWHERE.* AS FOR SALLY, QUACK SAYS SHE'S UP TO IT. I TRUST IN HIM...

"... BUT I TRUST IN HER EVEN MORE."

SONIC, I--

*SEE LAST ISSUE.

*SEE STH #121.



HOWDY, SUGAH-HOG!

FLOOR AIN'T GONNA BOOGIE ON ITS OWN, ESS-HOG!

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO MINGLE!

HI, SONIC!

YOU HEARD MY LOUDMOUTH, CROCODILE FRIEND, TRUE BLUE!



DUTY CALLS, SAL.

OKAY, SONIC, BUT SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME, OKAY?



SAY, KNUX... WHAT ARE YOU N' THE CHAOTIX DOING IN KNOTHOLE?



EGGMAN CAPTURED ANGEL ISLAND--OUR HOME--WHILE WE WERE AWAY. WITH YOU GONE, MAX ASKED US TO STICK AROUND AND HELP OUT.



WE HAVEN'T BEEN BACK SINCE, AND I'M--

UH-OH, THERE'S TAILS, WITH FIONA FOX.

'SCUSE ME, RAD RED.



POOR, LITTLE DUDE GOT HIS LITTLE HEART BROKEN ONCE BY A ROBOT DOUBLE OF HERS, AND IF HE'S NOT CAREFUL WITH THE REAL DEAL...

...IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN!

SONIC!

HEY, ROTOR...

... UHH... GUESS YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY SINCE RETIRING FROM AWAY MISSIONS, HUH?

YOU BET! NOW I JUST INVENT DODDADS FOR YOU FIELD AGENTS TO TAKE ALONG!

BUT DON'T WORRY-- THIS ISN'T ONE OF THEM!

JUST A SEC!

THEN WHAT ON MOBIUS IS IT?



Poom Poom Poom

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL GENIUS, ROTE.

YAAAAAY!

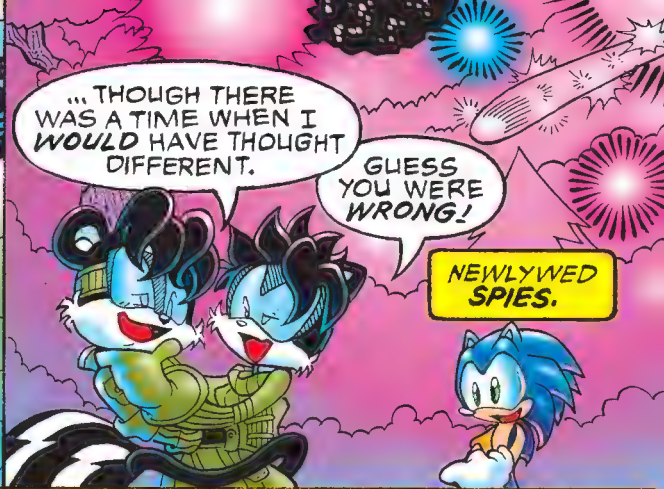




SUCH BEAUTIFUL FIREWORKS, GEOFF!

CAN'T HELP BUT AGREE, M'LUV...

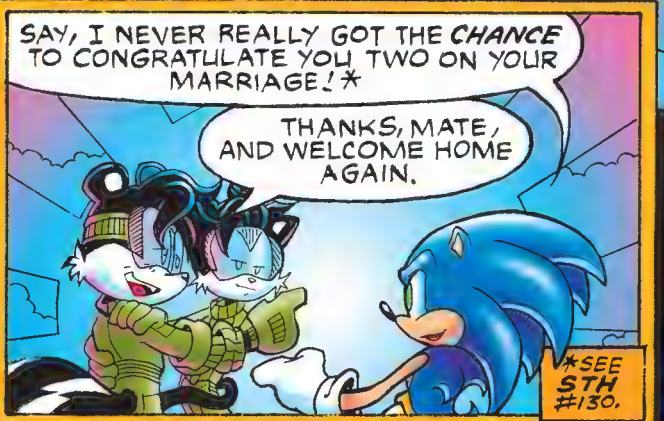
HUH? GEOFFREY AND HERSHEY ST. JOHN.



... THOUGH THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT DIFFERENT.

GUESS YOU WERE WRONG!

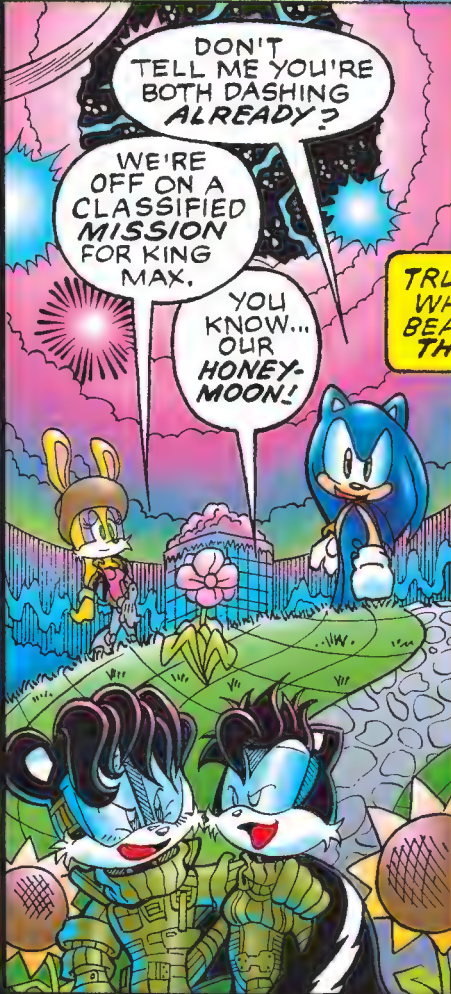
NEWLYWED SPIES.



SAY, I NEVER REALLY GOT THE CHANCE TO CONGRATULATE YOU TWO ON YOUR MARRIAGE! *

THANKS, MATE, AND WELCOME HOME AGAIN.

*SEE STH #130.

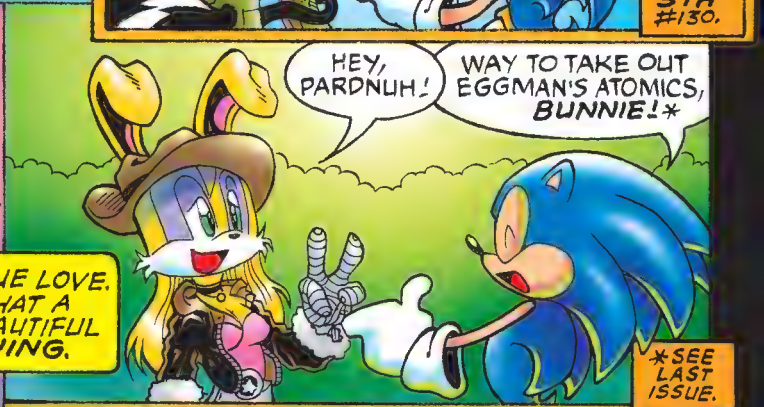


DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE BOTH DASHING ALREADY?

WE'RE OFF ON A CLASSIFIED MISSION FOR KING MAX.

YOU KNOW... OUR HONEY-MOON!

TRUE LOVE. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING.



HEY, PARDNUH!

WAY TO TAKE OUT EGGMAN'S ATOMICS, BUNNIE! *

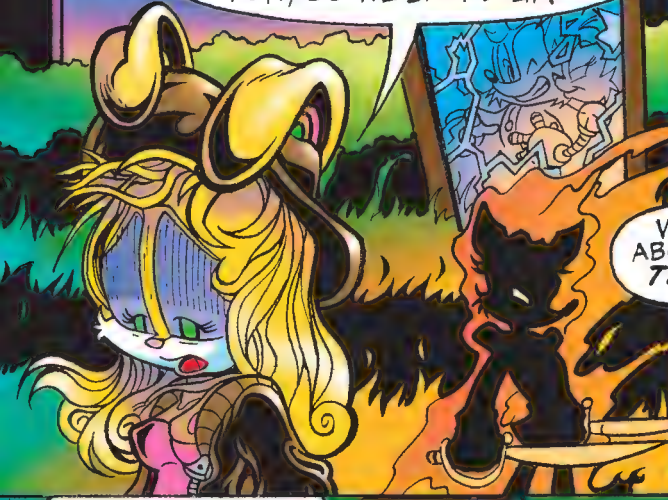
*SEE LAST ISSUE.



YOU MIND TELLING ME WHY YOU AND ANTOINE CALLED IT QUITS?

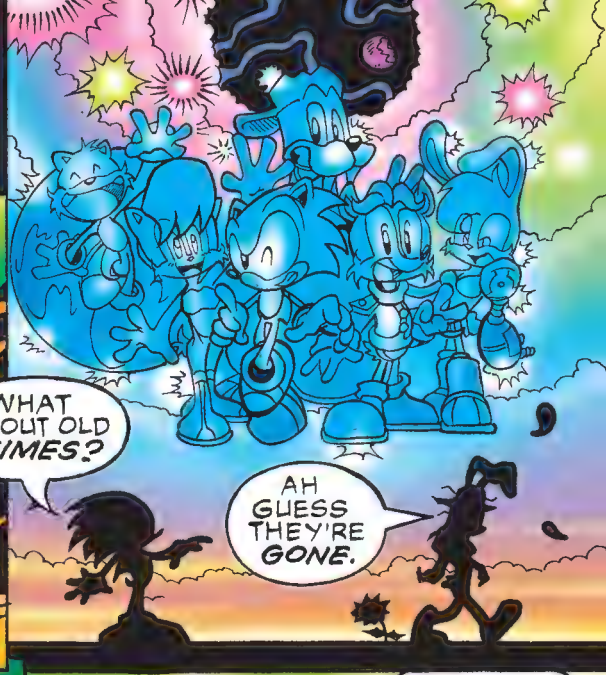
HOPE HE DIDN'T GET THAT NASTY FACIAL SCAR FROM YOU!

ONLY QUACK KNOWS *WHERE* HE GOT IT. THE WAR CHANGED HIM-- MADE 'IM INTO A DIFFERENT 'TOINE FROM THE ONE I FELL FOR, SO WE BROKE UP.

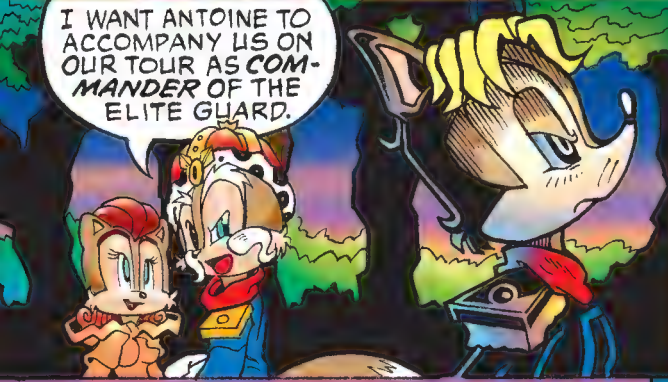


WHAT ABOUT OLD TIMES?

AH GUESS THEY'RE GONE.

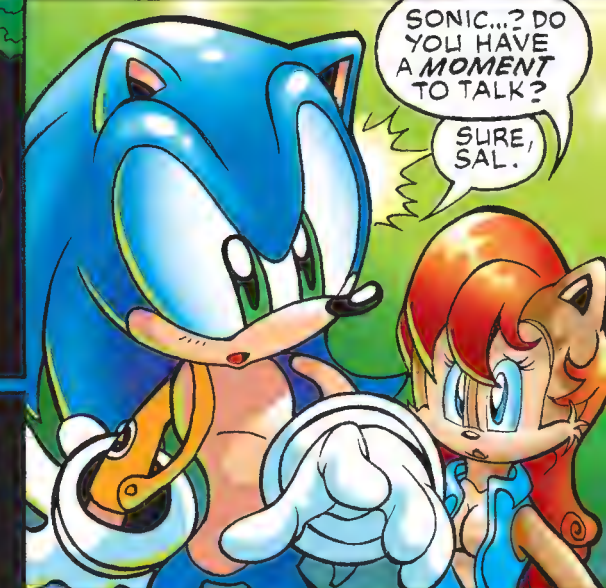


I WANT ANTOINE TO ACCOMPANY US ON OUR TOUR AS **COMMANDER** OF THE ELITE GUARD.



SONIC...? DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT TO TALK?

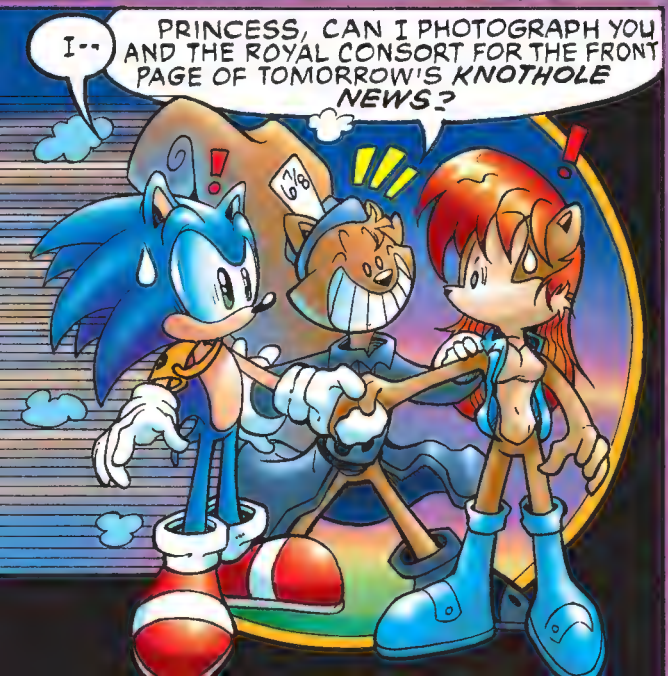
SURE, SAL.



" HIS NEW ATTITUDE MAKES HIM AN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB."



I-- PRINCESS, CAN I PHOTOGRAPH YOU AND THE ROYAL CONSORT FOR THE FRONT PAGE OF TOMORROW'S **KNOTHOLE NEWS**?



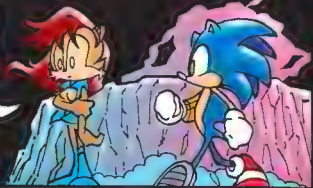
PERFECT!



WONDER WHAT'S ON HER MIND?

EVEN THOUGH MY PARENTS ARE STILL THE OFFICIAL MONARCHS OF THE KINGDOM, I'LL BE OVERSEEING THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE CITY.

THEY'VE GIVEN ME A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY AND ITS GOING TO BE A BIG MANTLE TO BEAR.



THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO RULE BY MY SIDE WHILE THEY'RE AWAY.

WELL, YOU ARE MY CONSORT, AFTER ALL...

I KNOW, SAL, BUT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR. IF I DON'T HELP FIGHT EGGMAN, WHO WILL?

ME?!

THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE WILLING TO STAND AGAINST HIM-- IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE YOU, SONIC!

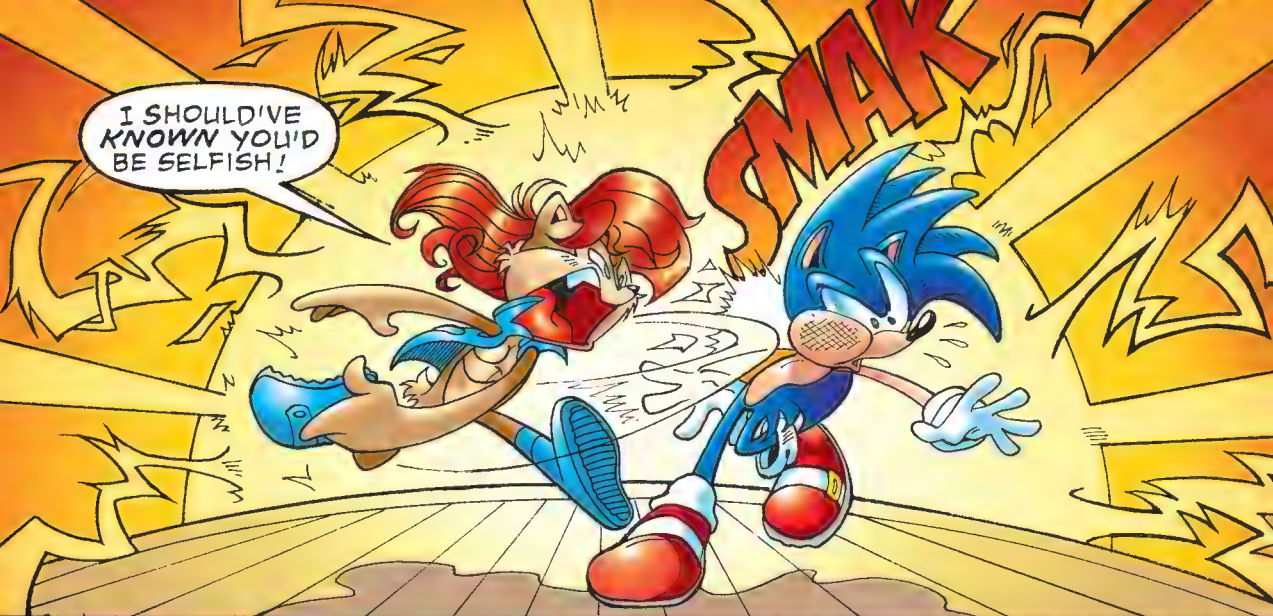
YOU CAN'T GO RISKING YOUR LIFE IN BATTLE IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A REAL FUTURE TOGETHER!

I DON'T WANT YOU TO DO IT ANYMORE. STAY WITH ME. PLEASE, MY LOVE...

SAY YOU WILL...

SORRY, SAL.

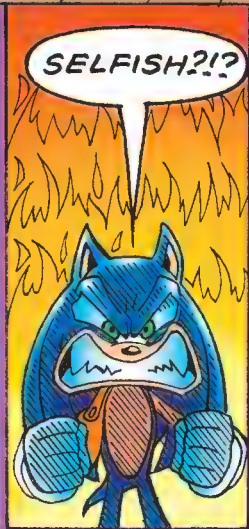
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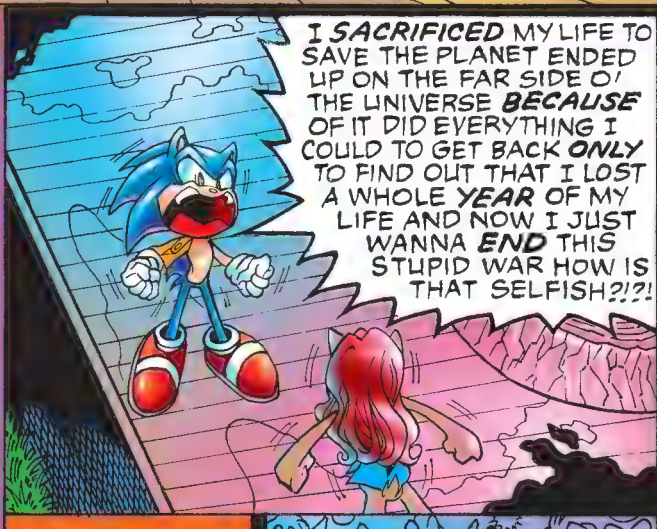
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE SELFISH!



SELFISH?



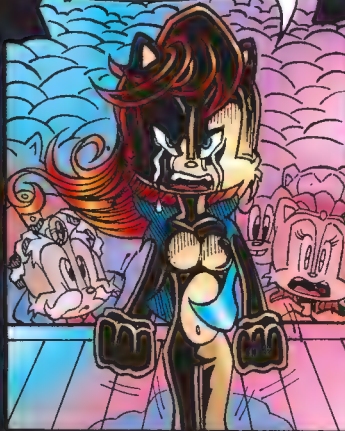
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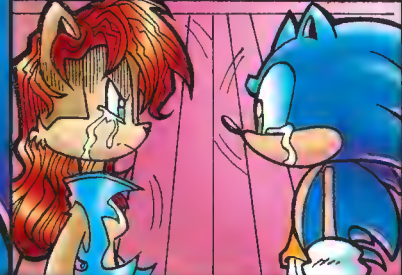
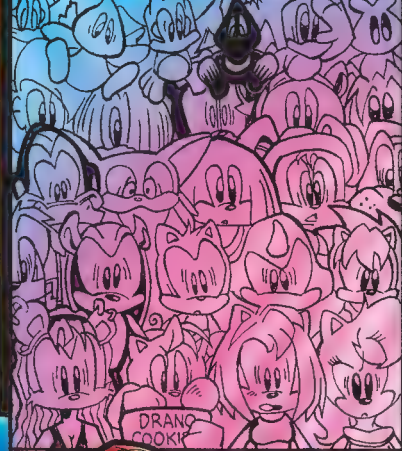
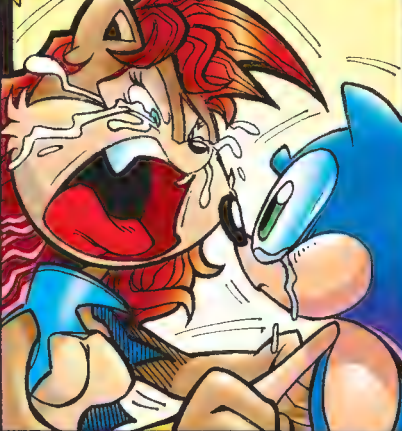
I SACRIFICED MY LIFE TO SAVE THE PLANET ENDED UP ON THE FAR SIDE O' THE UNIVERSE *BECAUSE* OF IT DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO GET BACK *ONLY* TO FIND OUT THAT I LOST A WHOLE YEAR OF MY LIFE AND NOW I JUST WANNA *END* THIS STUPID WAR HOW IS THAT SELFISH?!?!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE BELIEVING YOU WERE *DEAD*? IT COMPLETELY BROKE MY HEART. WATCHING *MECHA* HURT YOU BROUGHT IT ALL BACK...

... AND I *REFUSE* TO HAVE MY HEART BROKEN AGAIN, SONIC.



WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU, ANYWAY?! PUNCHING OUT ROBOTNIK'S LIGHTS, OR BEING WITH *ME*?



THEN HE CAN HAVE YOU ALL TO HIMSELF.

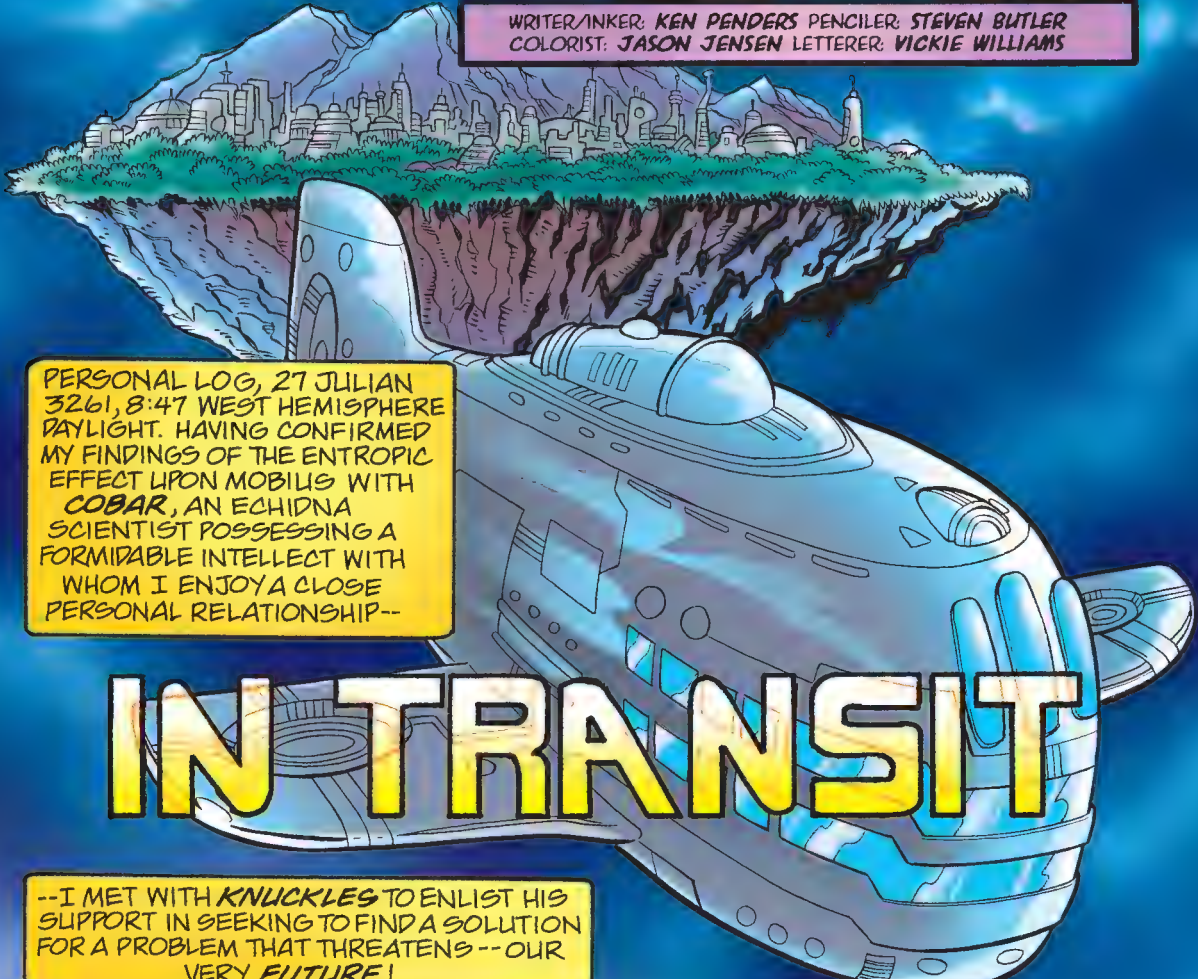
**THE
END**



MOBIUS

25 YEARS LATER

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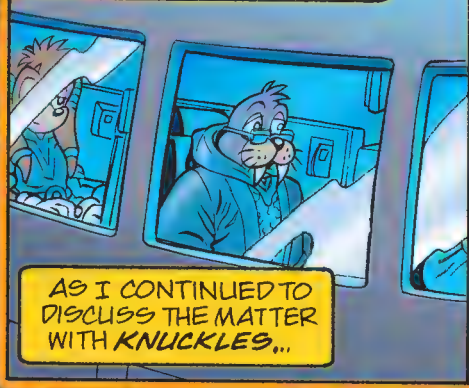
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3261, 8:47 WEST HEMISPHERE
DAYLIGHT. HAVING CONFIRMED
MY FINDINGS OF THE ENTROPIC
EFFECT UPON MOBIUS WITH
COBAR, AN ECHIDNA
SCIENTIST POSSESSING A
FORMIDABLE INTELLECT WITH
WHOM I ENJOY A CLOSE
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP--

IN TRANSIT

--I MET WITH **KNUCKLES** TO ENLIST HIS
SUPPORT IN SEEKING TO FIND A SOLUTION
FOR A PROBLEM THAT THREATENS --OUR
VERY **FUTURE**!

OUR **MAJOR CONCERN**--AVERTING A
WORLDWIDE PANIC BEFORE WE HAVE
A PLAN OF ACTION!

EVEN NOW, THERE'S A GOOD
CHANCE THAT DESPITE MY
PRECAUTIONS, WE MAY
HAVE BEEN **COMPROMISED**!



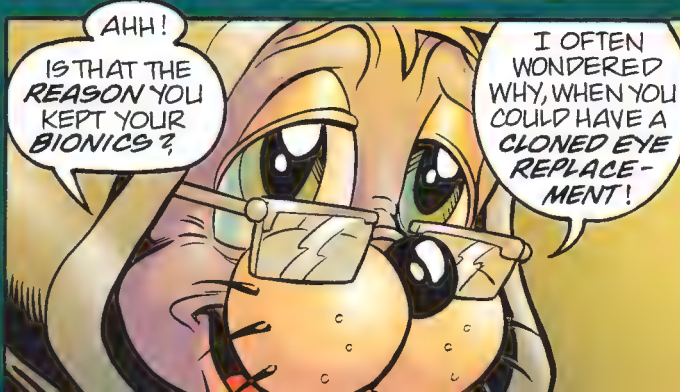
AS I CONTINUED TO
DISCUSS THE MATTER
WITH **KNUCKLES**...

...THEN THERE'S THE ISSUE OF
COMPETING POLITICAL
INTERESTS!

THERE'S
GOING TO BE A WIDE
RANGE OF **SUPPORT** FOR EVERY
ALTERNATIVE THAT'S PROPOSED!

KRA-AACK!
HOLD
IT!







SO I'VE HEARD!

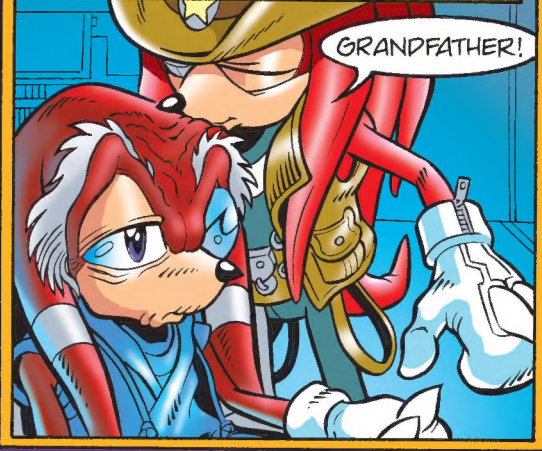
MAYBE SOMEDAY!

IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL CHECK OUT YOUR INFO AND GET BACK TO YOU!

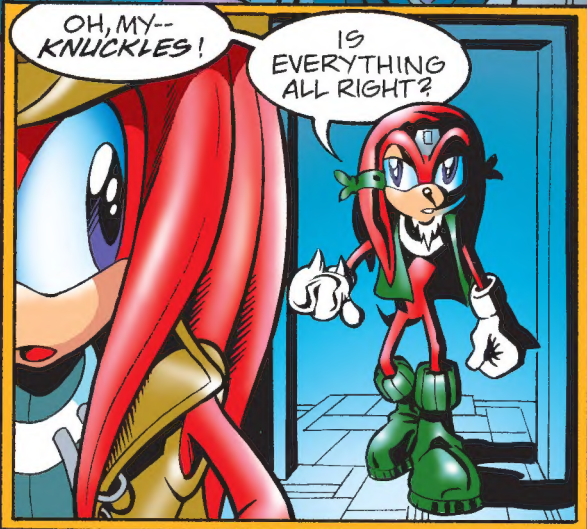


HOW AMAZED KNUCKLES WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD I TOLD HIM--

--I KNEW HE'D BE CONFERRING WITH THE BROTHERHOOD AT HAVEN TWO.. "



GRANDFATHER!



OH, MY-- KNUCKLES!

IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

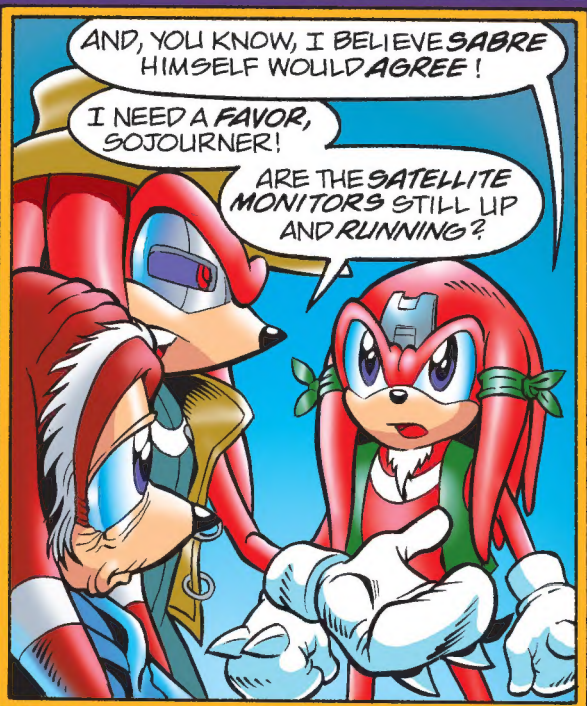


IT'S BEEN SO LONG! EVER SINCE--

YEAH, I KNOW!

WHAT CAN I SAY?

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE HERE!



AND, YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE SABRE HIMSELF WOULD AGREE!

I NEED A FAVOR, SOJOURNER!

ARE THE SATELLITE MONITORS STILL UP AND RUNNING?



I THOUGHT YOU HAD YOUR OWN SET-UP IN THE CHAOS CHAMBER!

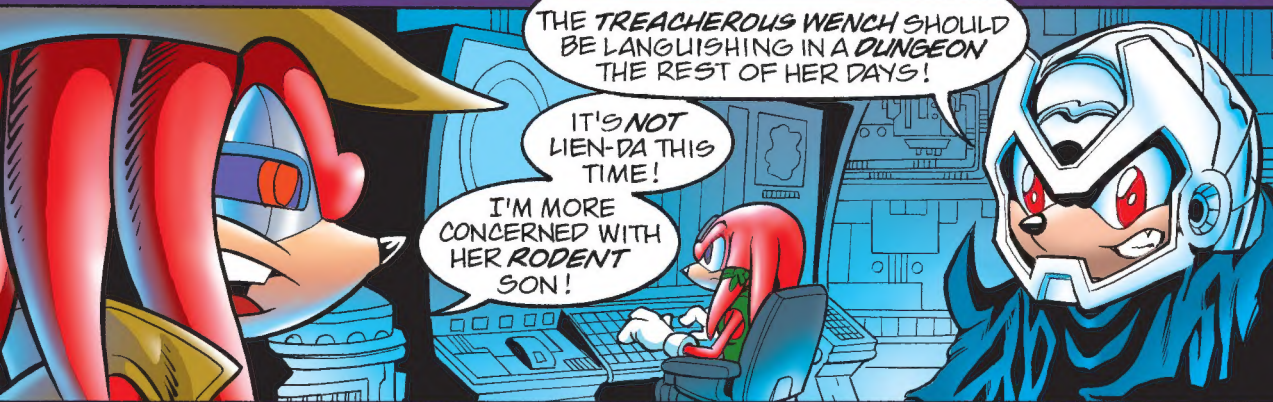
I PROMISED JULIE-SLI I WOULDN'T EVER SPY ON THE FAMILY!



WHY ON ANGEL ISLAND WOULD SHE MAKE YOU PROMISE THAT?

REALLY, SOJOURNER!

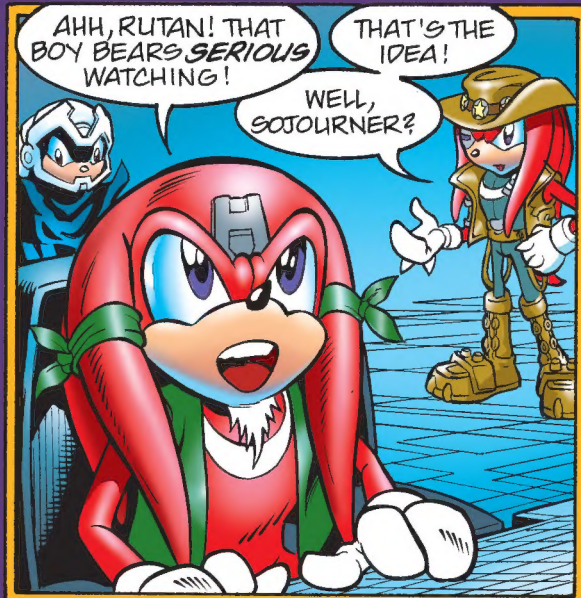
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN JULIE-SLI'S RELATIONS?



THE TREACHEROUS WENCH SHOULD BE LANGUISHING IN A DUNGEON THE REST OF HER DAYS!

IT'S NOT LIEN-DA THIS TIME!

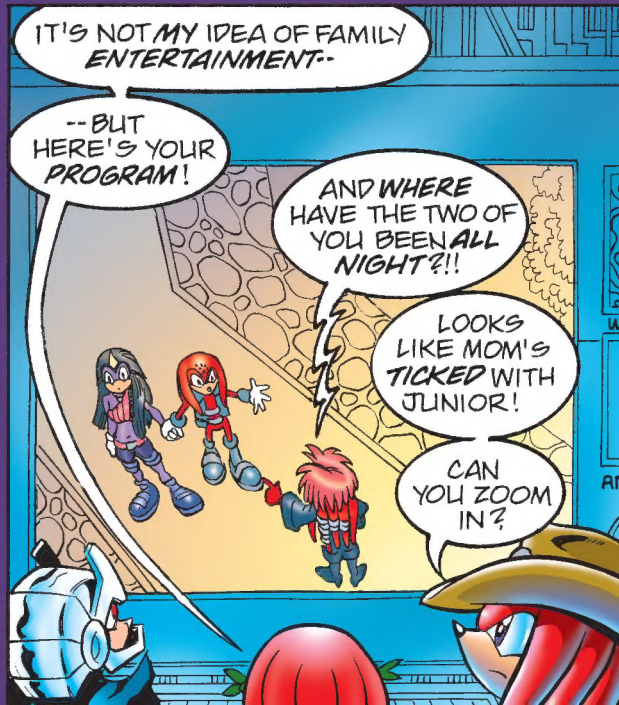
I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH HER RODENT SON!



AHH, RUTAN! THAT BOY BEARS SERIOUS WATCHING!

THAT'S THE IDEA!

WELL, SOJOURNER?



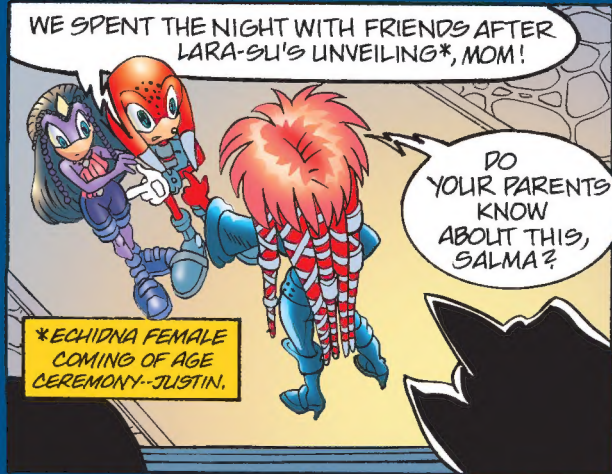
IT'S NOT MY IDEA OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT--

--BLT HERE'S YOUR PROGRAM!

AND WHERE HAVE THE TWO OF YOU BEEN ALL NIGHT?!!

LOOKS LIKE MOM'S TICKED WITH JUNIOR!

CAN YOU ZOOM IN?



WE SPENT THE NIGHT WITH FRIENDS AFTER LARA-SU'S UNVEILING*, MOM!

DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW ABOUT THIS, SALMA?

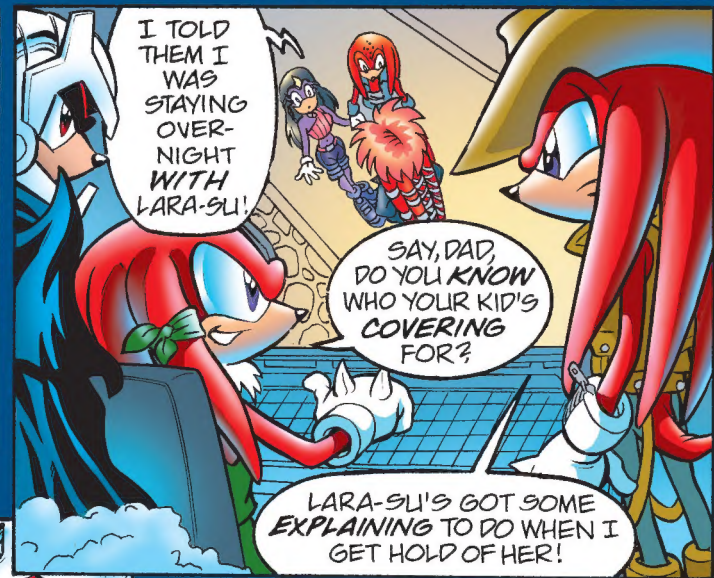
*ECHIDNA FEMALE COMING OF AGE CEREMONY--JUSTIN.



SALMA?



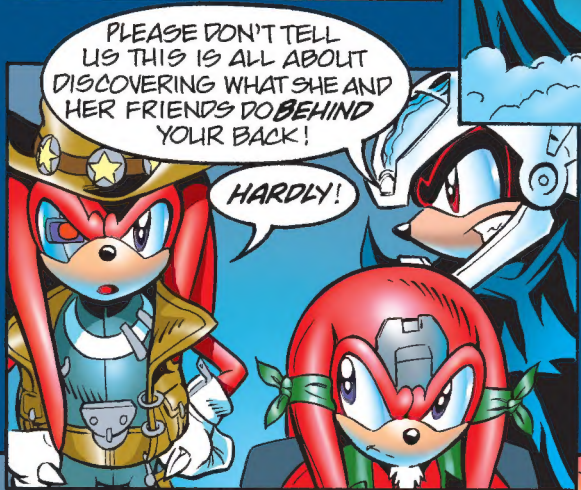
NO, MA'AM!



I TOLD THEM I WAS STAYING OVER-NIGHT WITH LARA-SU!

SAY, DAD, DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR KID'S COVERING FOR?

LARA-SU'S GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO WHEN I GET HOLD OF HER!



PLEASE DON'T TELL US THIS IS ALL ABOUT DISCOVERING WHAT SHE AND HER FRIENDS DO BEHIND YOUR BACK!

HARDLY!



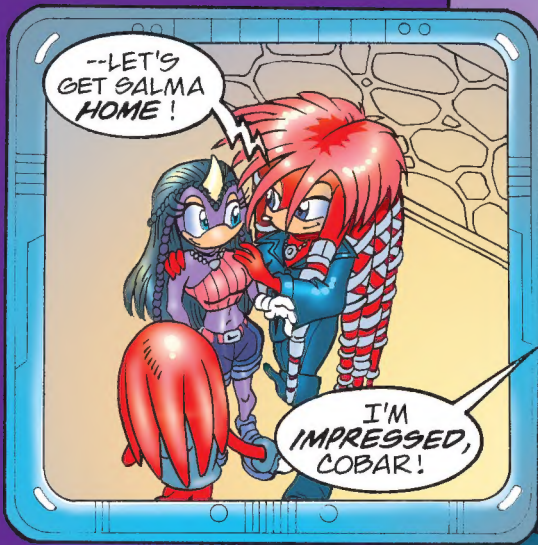
I'M MORE INTERESTED IF JUNIOR LEARNED ANYTHING HE SHOULDN'T!

DO TELL!



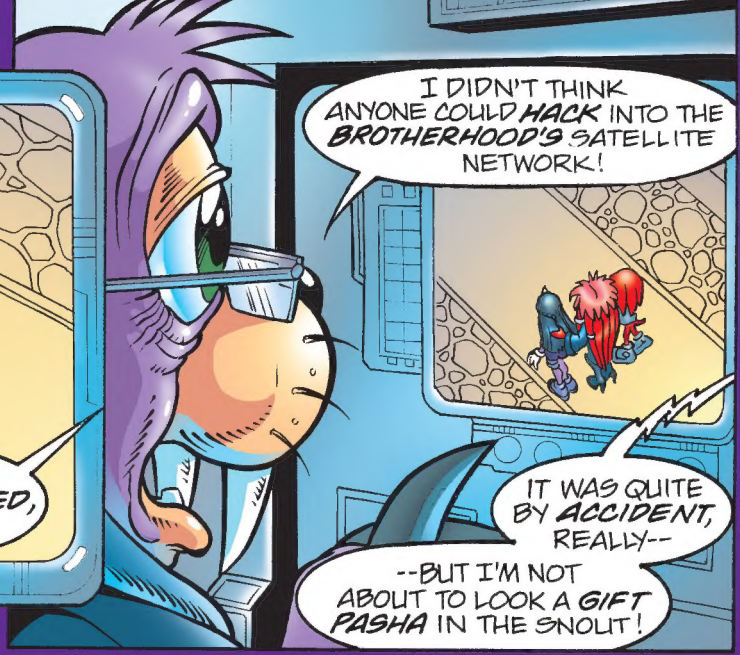
YOU NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT THE WEATHER LATELY?

WELL, I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER, YOUNG MAN! RIGHT NOW--



--LET'S GET SALMA HOME!

I'M IMPRESSED, COBAR!



I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE COULD HACK INTO THE BROTHERHOOD'S SATELLITE NETWORK!

IT WAS QUITE BY ACCIDENT, REALLY--

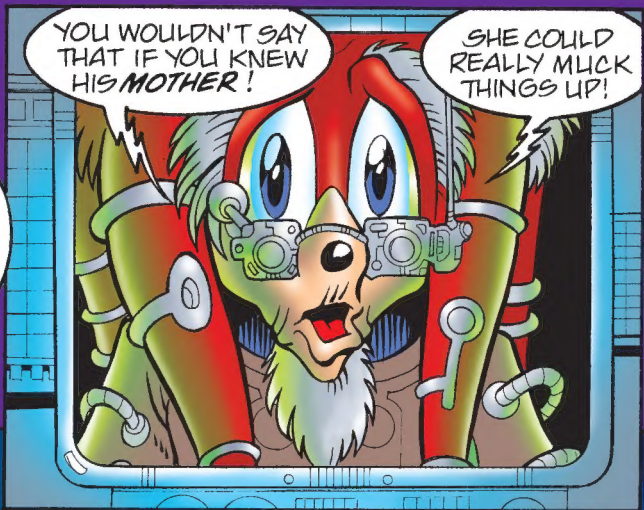
--BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOOK A GIFT PASHA IN THE SNOUT!



SEEN ENOUGH?

FOR THE MOMENT,

THE KIDS BOTH SEEM PRETTY HARMLESS!



YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT IF YOU KNEW HIS MOTHER!

SHE COULD REALLY MUCK THINGS UP!



--ESPECIALLY THE GUARDIAN!



THAT WOULDN'T SURPRISE THE KING AT ALL--

--GIVEN THAT HE ISN'T EXACTLY RENOWNED FOR HIS FONDNESS OF ECHIDNAS--

TO BE CONTINUED...